**Learn on Your Own**

**Day 1: Following Instructions**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [Acts 9:10–18](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac9.10-18).

**Consider**

On the receiving end of Ananias’s obedience was a man named Saul. He was known for persecuting and killing Jesus’ followers until he had an amazing encounter with Jesus that changed his life. Later on, he became a missionary and wrote a large portion of the New Testament. Right in the middle of Saul’s salvation story, God used a man named Ananias to play an important part in Saul’s faith journey.

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| **QUESTION**  How did God speak to Ananias? |

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| **QUESTION**  What was Ananias’s initial response when God told him to go to Saul? |

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| **QUESTION**  How would you respond if God wanted you to pray for someone who was known for persecuting Christians? |

**Reflect**

Just like Ananias, we sometimes have excuses that tempt us to not obey God.

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| **QUESTION**  What excuses do you have not to obey God when He speaks to you? |

**Activate**

God wants to use us to help others, just like He used Ananias. Think about someone you know who you believe would never become a follower of Jesus. Pray for them today. Ask God for them to receive an opportunity to respond to His salvation.

**Pray**

Father God, I want to hear Your voice and follow Your guidance for my life. Use me in big ways and in small ways to make an eternal impact in the world and in the life of each one I’m around. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Jesus at a Wedding**

**Engage**

Read [John 2:1–11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn2.1-11).

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**  Why did Jesus not respond immediately to the need? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did Jesus’ mother say to the servants in verse [5](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn2.5)? |

When Jesus told the servants what to do, it probably didn’t make much sense to them. They didn’t need more water! However, they obeyed and saw Jesus do more with their simple obedience than they could have ever done on their own.

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  How might you respond if Jesus told you to do something that didn’t make much sense in the moment? |

**Activate**

Write out the phrase, “Do whatever He tells you.” Put it somewhere visible so you’ll often see it this week. Let it serve as a reminder to be fully obedient to God.

**Pray**

Miracle-working God, I know that You are powerful and able to do so much more than I can imagine. Help me to remember that You know best, even when it doesn’t make sense to me. Help me to be obedient to whatever You tell me to do. Amen.

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**Day 3: When Bushes Talk**

**Engage**

Read [Exodus 3:1–15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ex3.1-15).

**Consider**

Moses has one of the most interesting stories in the Bible. After killing a man in Egypt, he fled to the desert and became a shepherd. But God wasn’t finished with him. Moses would go on to lead God’s people out of slavery! Everything changed when God spoke and Moses responded.

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| **QUESTION**  What was Moses doing when the angel of the Lord spoke to him from the burning bush? |

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| **QUESTION**  When Moses questioned if he could do what God had called him to do, what did God promise him (verse [12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ex3.12))? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think God likes to use average people to do such big things? |

**Activate**

Take a moment to pray and ask God how you can make a difference. Let Him know of your desire to obey.

**Pray**

Father, thank You that You can use anybody to do great things. No matter how average or unqualified I feel, I trust that You can use me. Help me to surrender everything to You and to listen for Your voice. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

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**Day 4: A New Kind of Fishing**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 4:18–22](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt4.18-22).

**Consider**

As Jesus began His ministry, He called a group of men to join Him. He told Simon Peter and Andrew that He wanted to teach them to fish for people! Because they obeyed, Jesus taught them to draw people into the kingdom of God.

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| **QUESTION**  What did Simon and Andrew do for a living before Jesus called them? |

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| **QUESTION**  What do you think Simon and Andrew thought when Jesus said He would show them how to fish for people? |

**Reflect**

All four of these first disciples had to leave something behind in order to respond to Jesus.

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| **QUESTION**  In your own life, what might you have to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more closely? |

**Activate**

Based on your answers to the previous question, make a list of what you may need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus. Place it in your Bible or journal. Review it regularly to see how you are doing at letting go.

**Pray**

Father God, help me to be completely obedient and willing to leave everything to follow You. I pray that Your followers all over the world will do the same. Amen.

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**Day 5: Here I Am!**

**Engage**

Read [1 Samuel 3:1–14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Sa3.1-14).

**Consider**

When God called out to Samuel, it took Samuel a while to realize that it was God who was speaking to him. Samuel lived a great life and made a difference for God, and it started with his response when God first spoke to him as a youth.

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| **QUESTION**  What does verse [1](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Sa3.1) say about how often people would hear from God during that time? |

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| **QUESTION**  How many times did God call out to Samuel? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think God continued to call out to Samuel even when he didn’t respond at first? |

**Reflect**

Sometimes it can feel difficult for us to hear and recognize God’s voice. But Samuel’s story helps us know that God doesn’t give up on speaking to His followers after one missed message. As He did with Samuel, God may make multiple attempts to get your attention even right now.

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think we can sometimes struggle to hear God’s voice? |

**Activate**

Take ten minutes with no distractions and listen for God one or more times this week. Like Samuel, you may want to begin your time by saying, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Write down anything that you think He might be saying to you.

**Pray**

Lord, just like Samuel, sometimes it’s challenging for me to recognize Your voice. I want to hear You, and I want to follow what You say. Help me learn to recognize when You speak. And please forgive me for any time I’ve not listened. I commit to making listening to You a priority. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.